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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR:—"The hon. Member has not followed my answer. It is 'The Hon. Ministers and their Parliamentary Secretaries have not kept any account of the ceremonies referred to and performed by them. The tours were not undertaken for that purpose and no expenditure on travelling allowance has been incurred in that connexion. Popular Ministers cannot avoid engagements of various kinds while they move about on public business.'"

Labour strikes in the Province since July 1937.

* 86 *Q.*—SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the number of labour strikes since July 1937, the places and concerns involved in such strikes, the duration of each strike, the number on strike during each strike, the suspension of industry during each strike, the loss resulting therefrom to industry and the causes of the strikes?

THE HON. SRI V. V. GIRI:—"The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the appendix to the Administration Report of the Labour department for 1937–38 which has been placed at the disposal of the Press. A fuller account of the trade disputes will appear soon."

Extent of wet and dry lands available for assignment.

* 87 *Q.*—SRI RAO BAHADUR M. RAMAKRISHNA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to place on the table of this House a statement showing the extent in each of the categories of wet and dry lands available for assignment in each taluk of the Presidency?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM:—"The Government have no information but have called for a report."

Cost of electricity supplied for agricultural purposes.

* 88 *Q.*—SRI B. NARAYANASWAMI NAYUDU: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state what the cost per unit is for electricity supplied for agricultural purposes in Coimbatore district?

THE HON. MR. YAKUB HASAN:—"The rate for supply of power for agricultural purposes is as follows:—

Power at 400 volts for bona fide agriculturists having not less than three horse-power connected—

For the first 250 units per installed horse-power per annum—1 anna per unit.